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Here, simply told for youngest readers, is one of the most dramatic chapters of the long, true story of life on the earth, the story of the Dinosaurs.

Brontosaurus, the *Thunder Lizard,* big as a box car, lumbers out of the swamp in search of plants. This is the biggest Dinosaur but no more interesting than the *Armoured Lizard,* the *Horn-faced Lizard* and others pictured here.

A little is told of the animals that came before the Dinosaurs and of those that came after them. But, for the most part, this is an easy-to-read, exciting, understandable, first look at those *Terrible Lizards,* the Dinosaurs.

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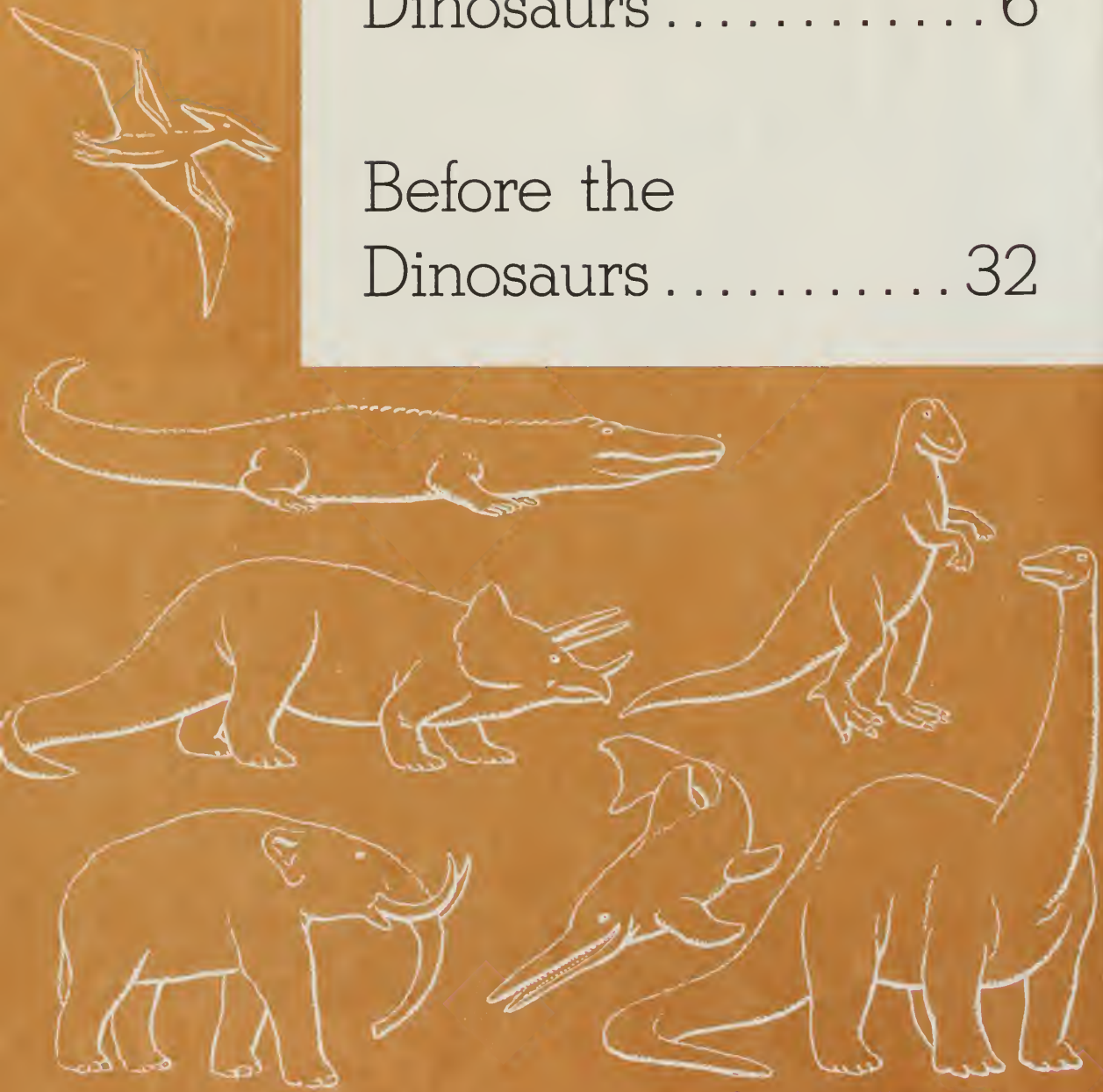

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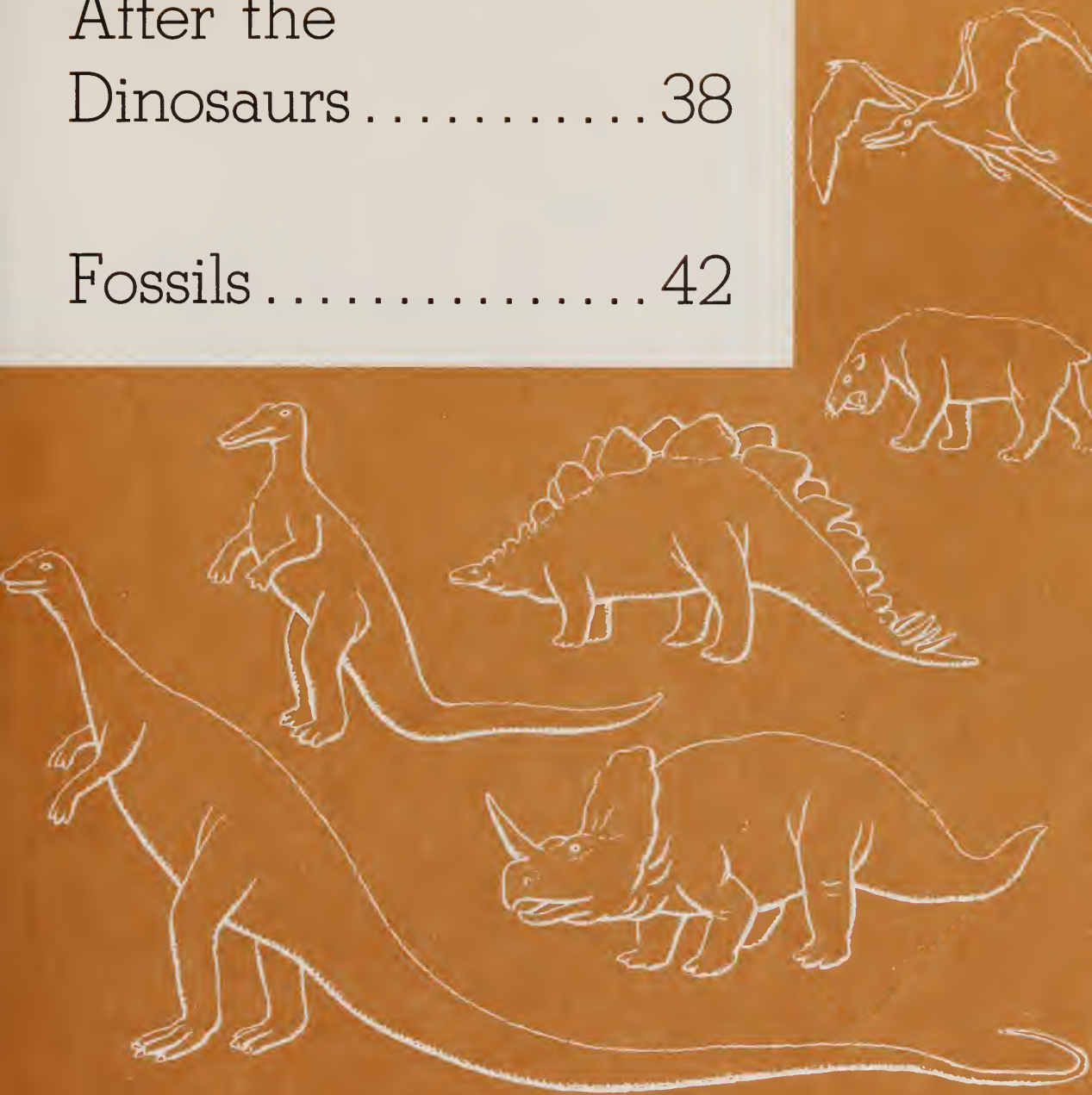

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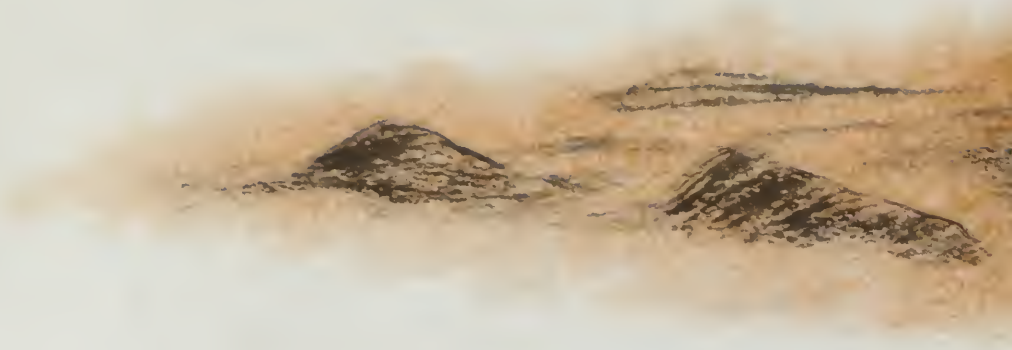
The word dinosaur
means "Terrible Lizard."
Years and years ago,
more than you can count,
these great animals
lived on the earth.
There were no people then.



THUNDER LIZARD
was as big as
ten elephants.
It was a plant eater.

Thunder Lizard has another
name—Brontosaurus.
Brontosaurus means
Thunder Lizard.

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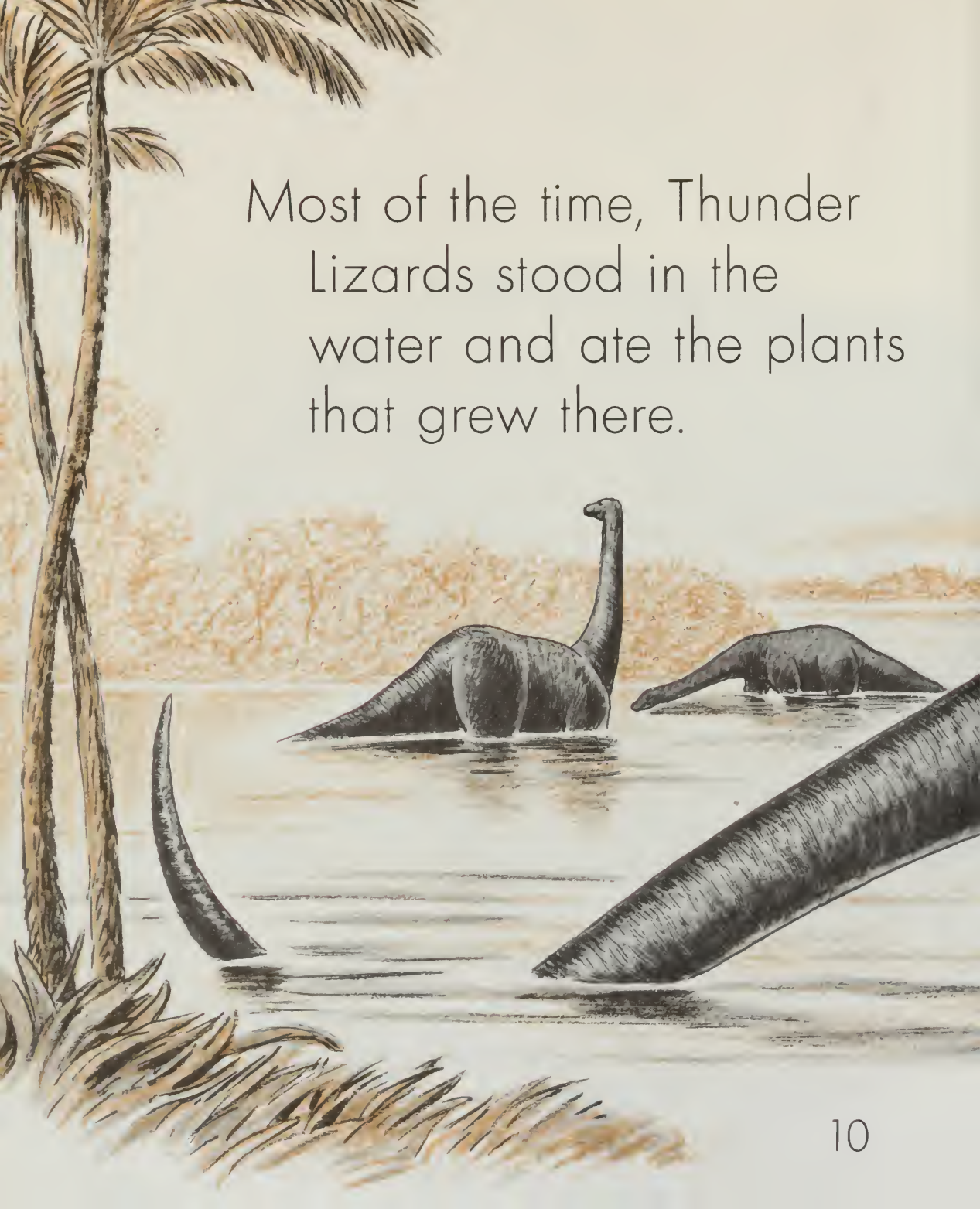
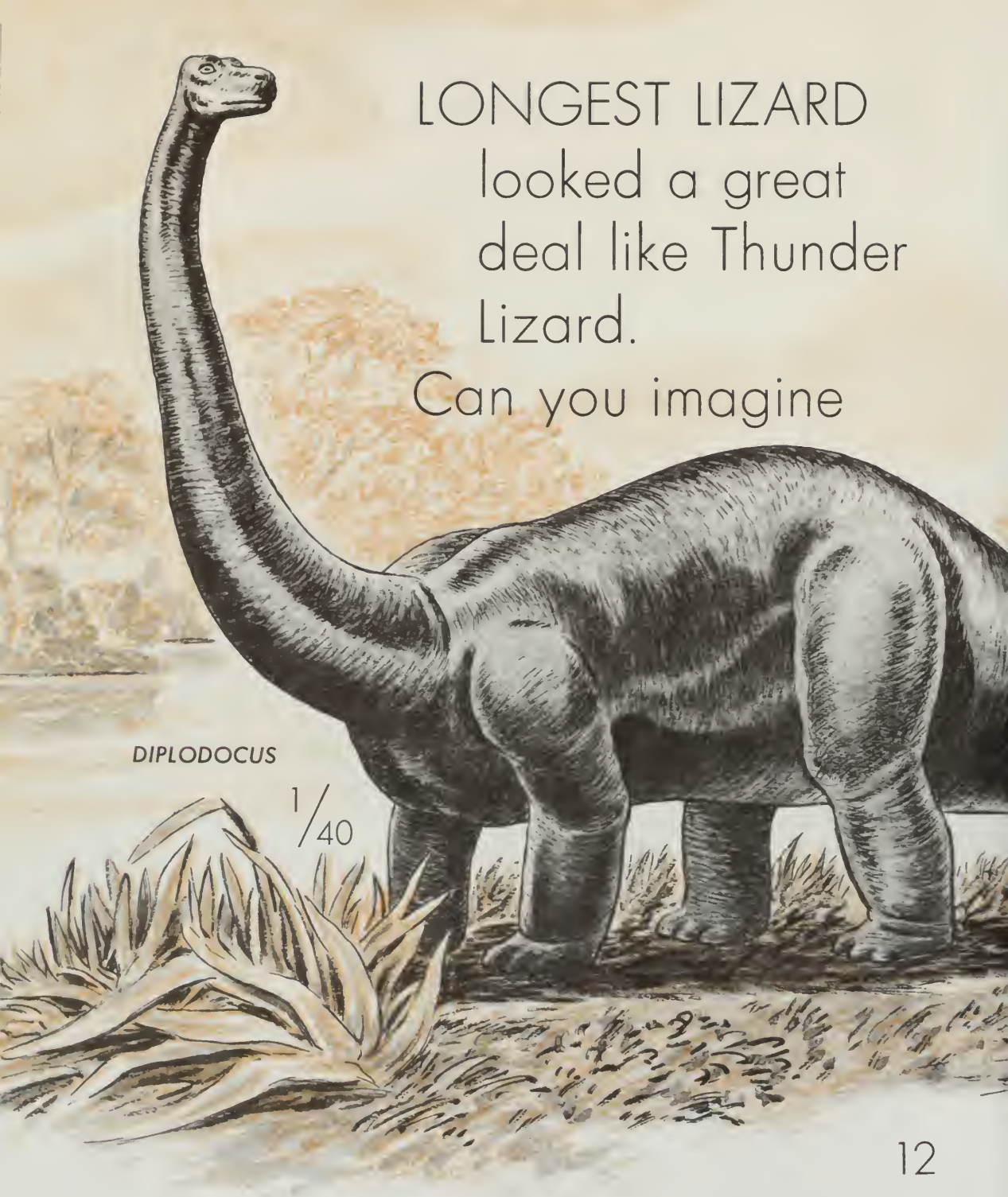
Most of the time, Thunder Lizards stood in the water and ate the plants that grew there.



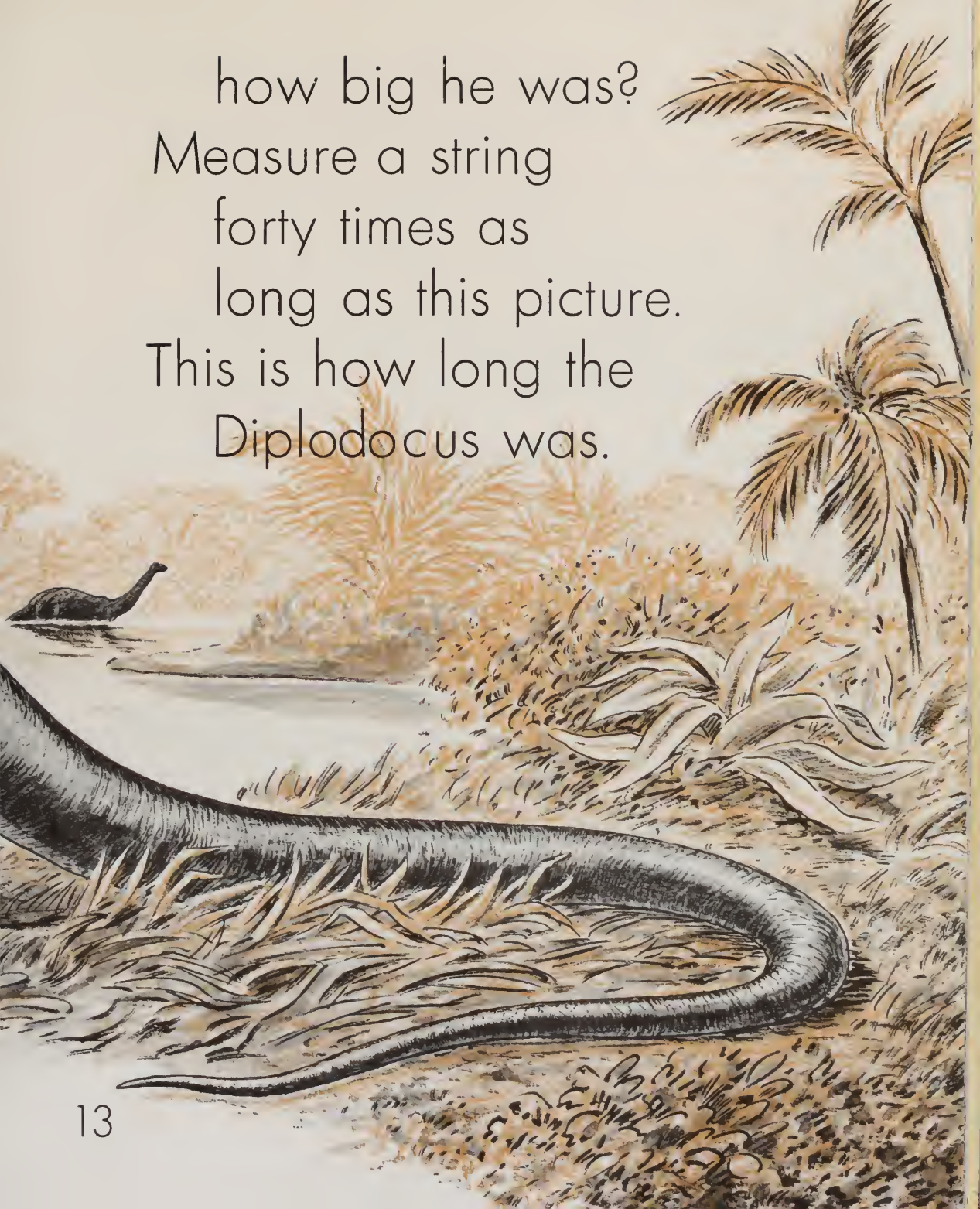
The water helped hold up
the heavy bodies.



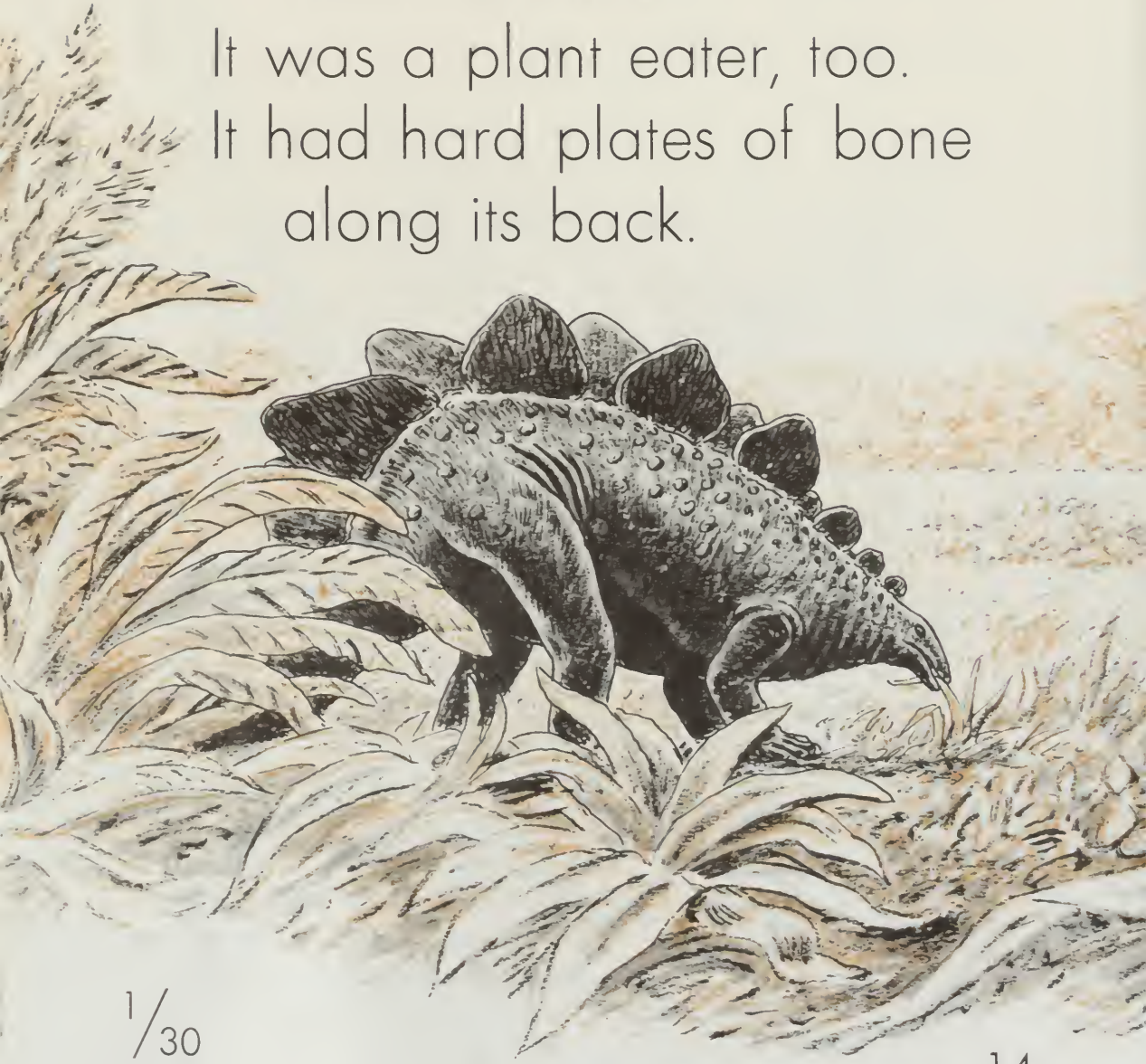
LONGEST LIZARD looked a great deal like Thunder Lizard.

Can you imagine

how big he was?
Measure a string
forty times as
long as this picture.
This is how long the
Diplodocus was.



ARMOURED LIZARD
lived on land.
It was a plant eater, too.
It had hard plates of bone
along its back.



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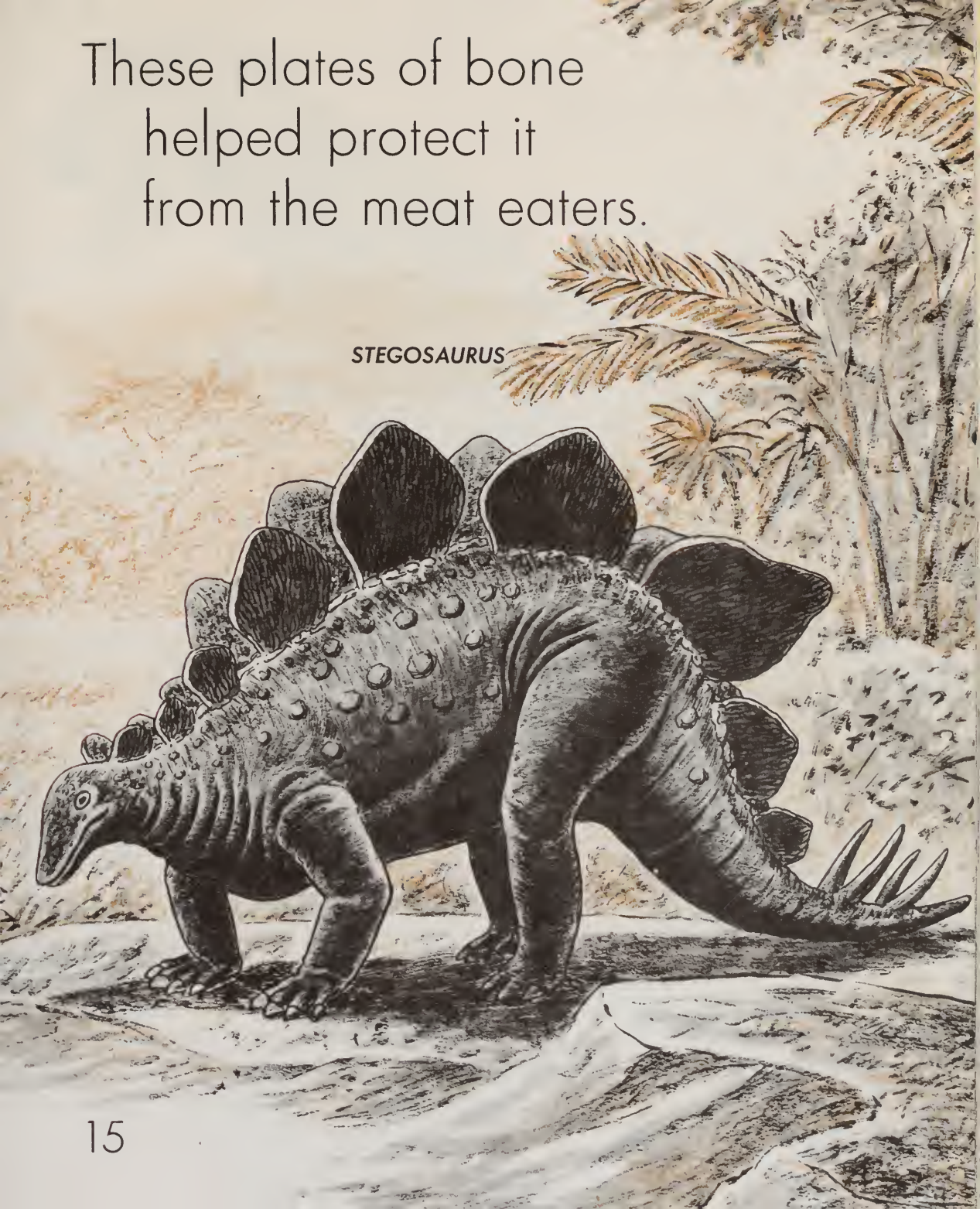
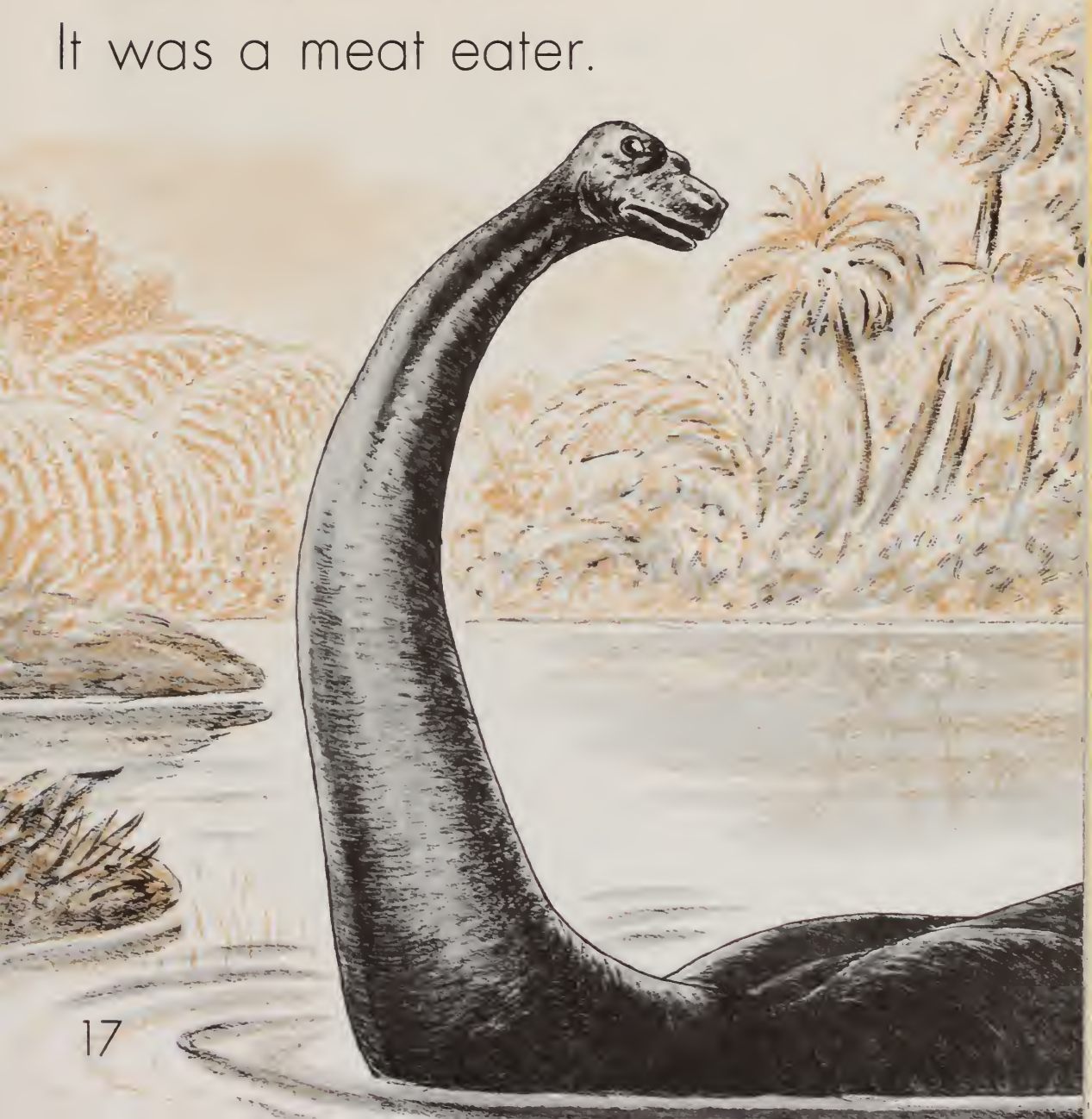
These plates of bone
helped protect it
from the meat eaters.



ALLOSAURUS

There was a LEAPING LIZARD
that lived on land.
It was a meat eater.



The meat eaters were enemies of the plant eaters.

The meat eaters went after the Thunder Lizards when they came out of the water.

Thunder Lizards were too heavy to run away. They had only their tails to fight with.

TYRANNOSAURUS REX

Hundreds and hundreds of years went by. Slowly changes took place.

The first of the dinosaurs disappeared from the earth.

But other dinosaurs appeared.

TYRANT KING was the most fierce of all.

Tyrant King was a meat eater with big jaws and sharp teeth.

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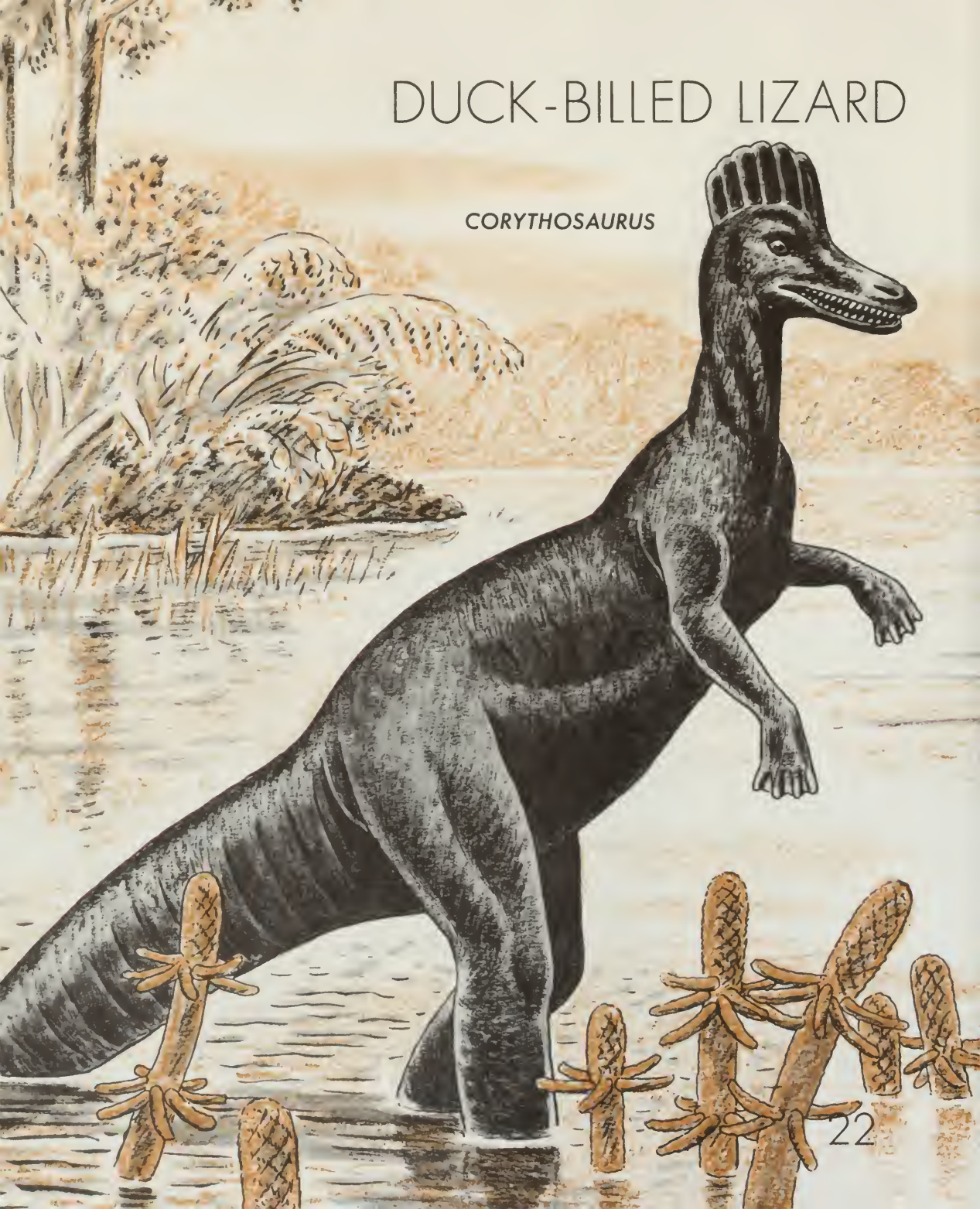
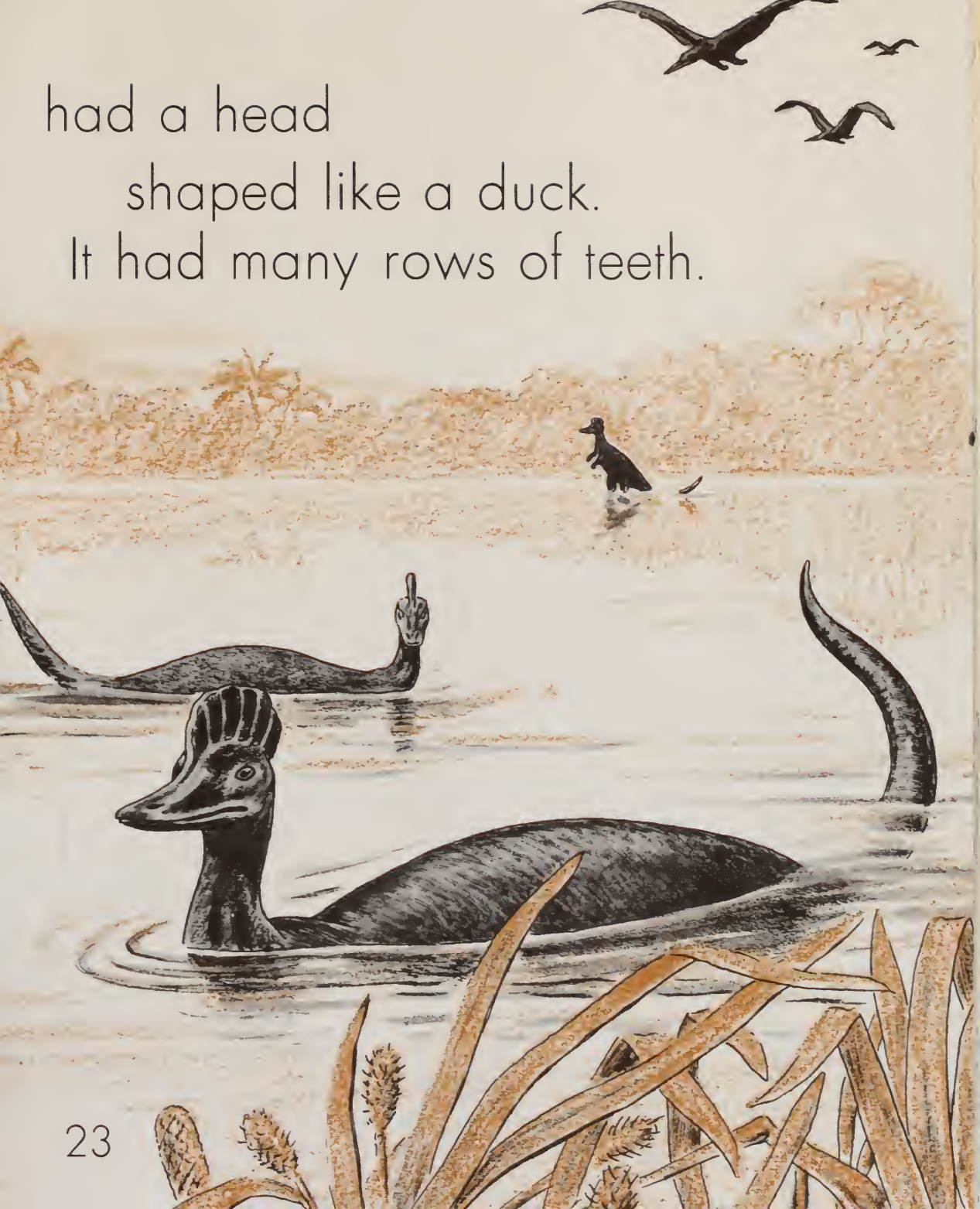
DUCK-BILLED LIZARD

CORYTHOSAURUS



had a head
shaped like a duck.
It had many rows of teeth.



One of the smaller plant-eating dinosaurs had a sharp beak.
It had a shield-shaped bone back of its head.
This beak and bone helped protect it from the meat eaters.

PROTOCERATOPS

TRICERATOPS

THREE-HORNED FACE had three horns. It had a shield-shaped bone back of its head.

These Horn-faced Lizards were plant eaters.

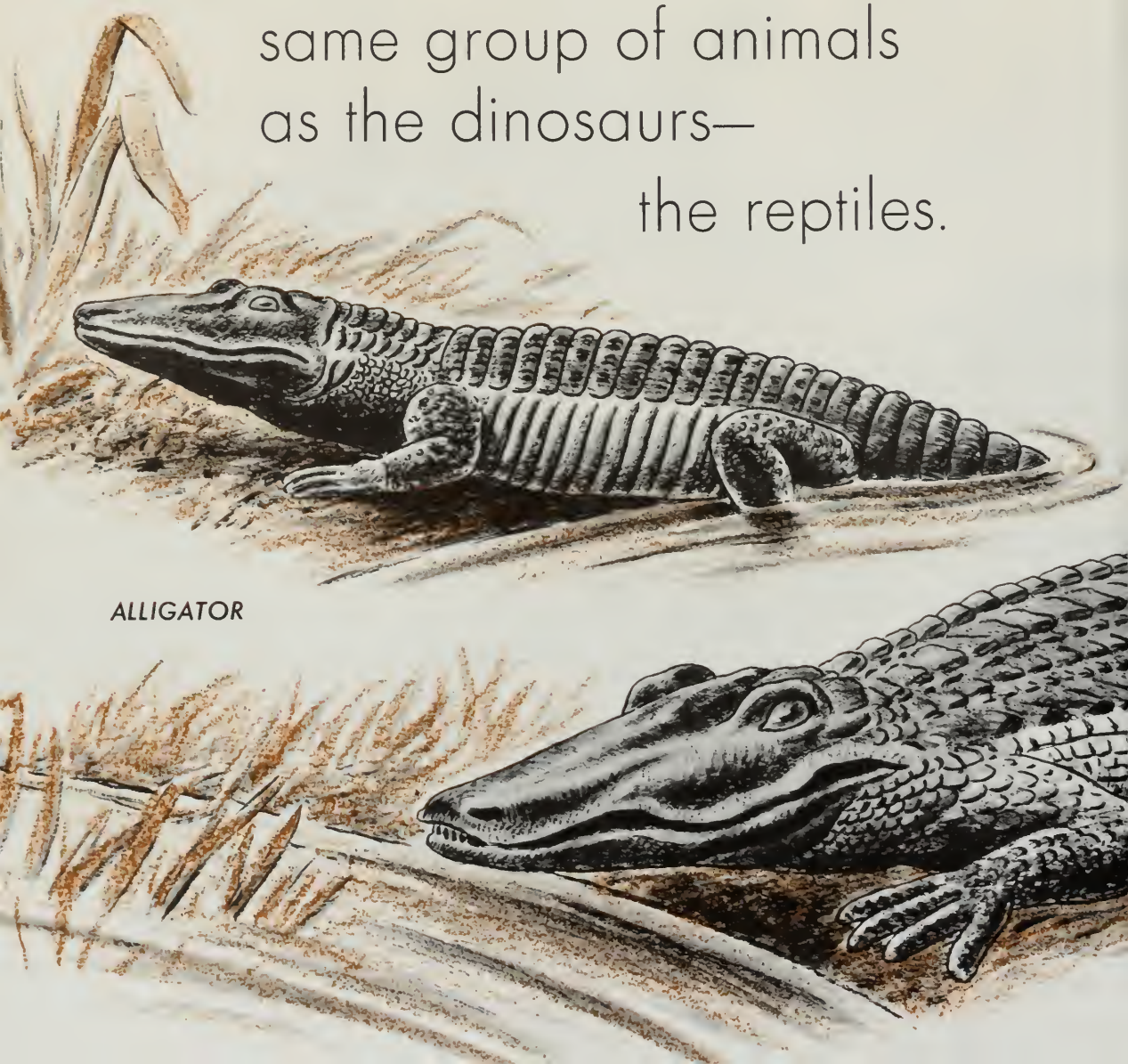
They used their horns to fight off the fierce

TYRANT KING

PLESIOSAURUS
ICHTHYOSAUR

At the time of the dinosaurs,
big lizard-like animals
lived in the sea.
There were NEAR LIZARDS
with long necks.
There were FISH LIZARDS
that were more like fish.

Now there are no dinosaurs.
But there are animals living
today that belong to the
same group of animals
as the dinosaurs—
the reptiles.



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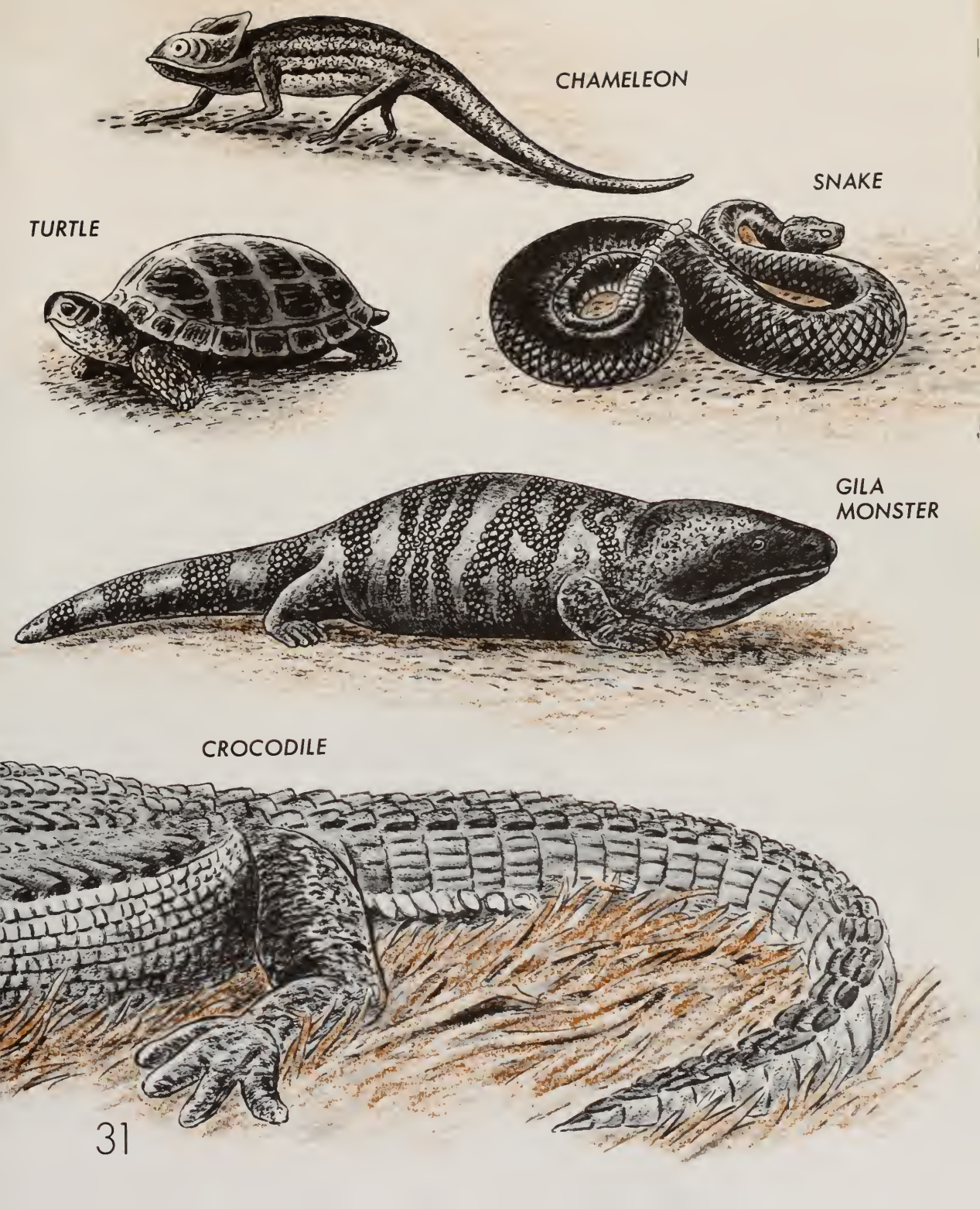

CHAMELEON
SNAKE
TURTLE
GILA
MONSTER
CROCODILE

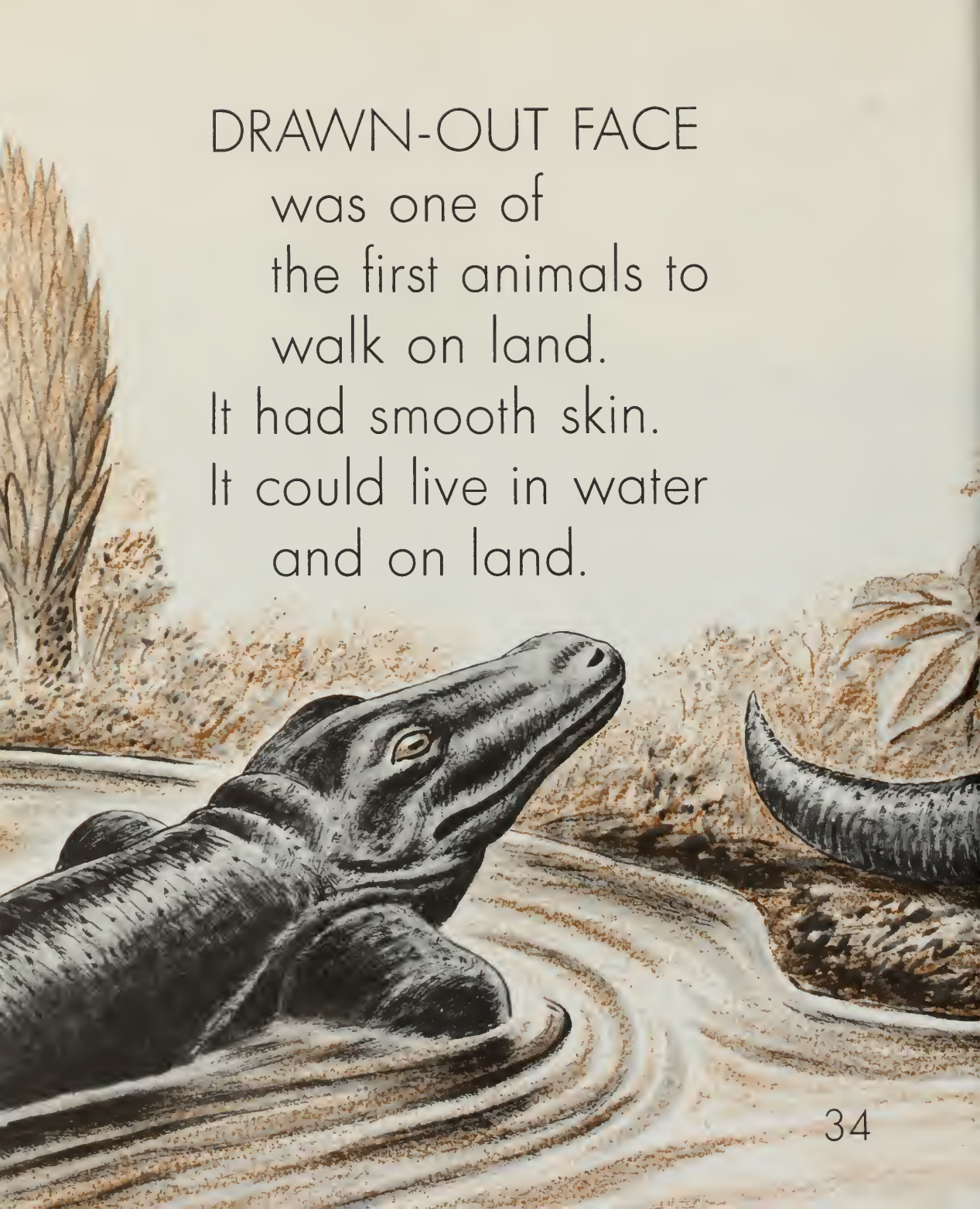
BEFORE THE DINOSAURS

Before there were dinosaurs, there were many kinds of animals. Most of them lived in the sea.

The first animals were small. Many of them had shells.

Later there were fish.
One of the biggest of these
was the TERRIBLE FISH.

DRAWN-OUT FACE
was one of
the first animals to
walk on land.
It had smooth skin.
It could live in water
and on land.



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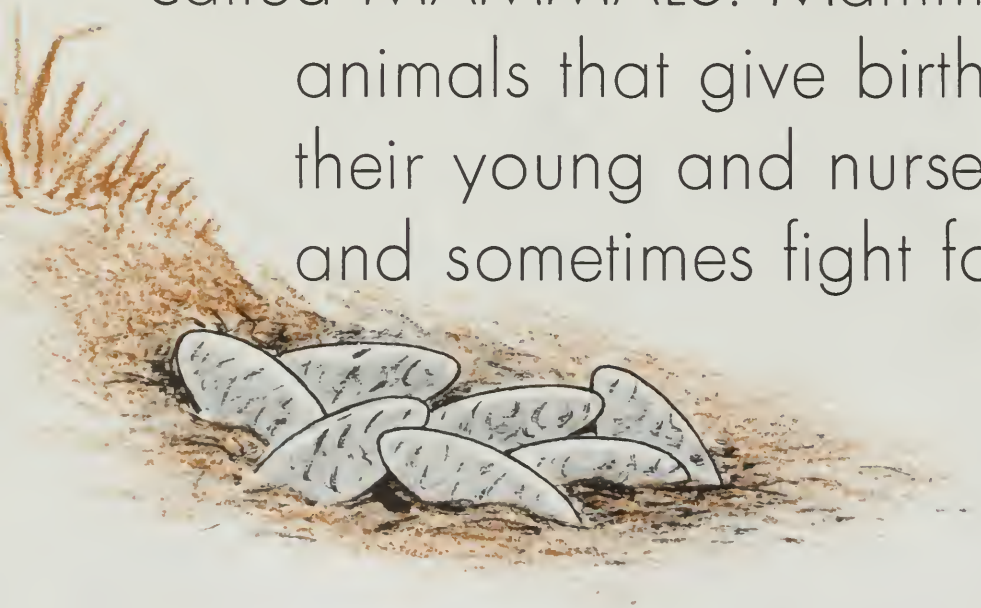
Many years before the dinosaurs appeared there was a SAIL-BACK animal that lived on the land.

AFTER THE DINOSAURS

The dinosaurs laid eggs and
left them to hatch,
just as most reptiles
do today.

Before the dinosaurs disappeared,
there were some small animals
called MAMMALS. Mammals are
animals that give birth to
their young and nurse them,
and sometimes fight for them.



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EARLY
MAMMALS

After all the dinosaurs were gone there were large mammals on the earth. Now, some of these are gone, too

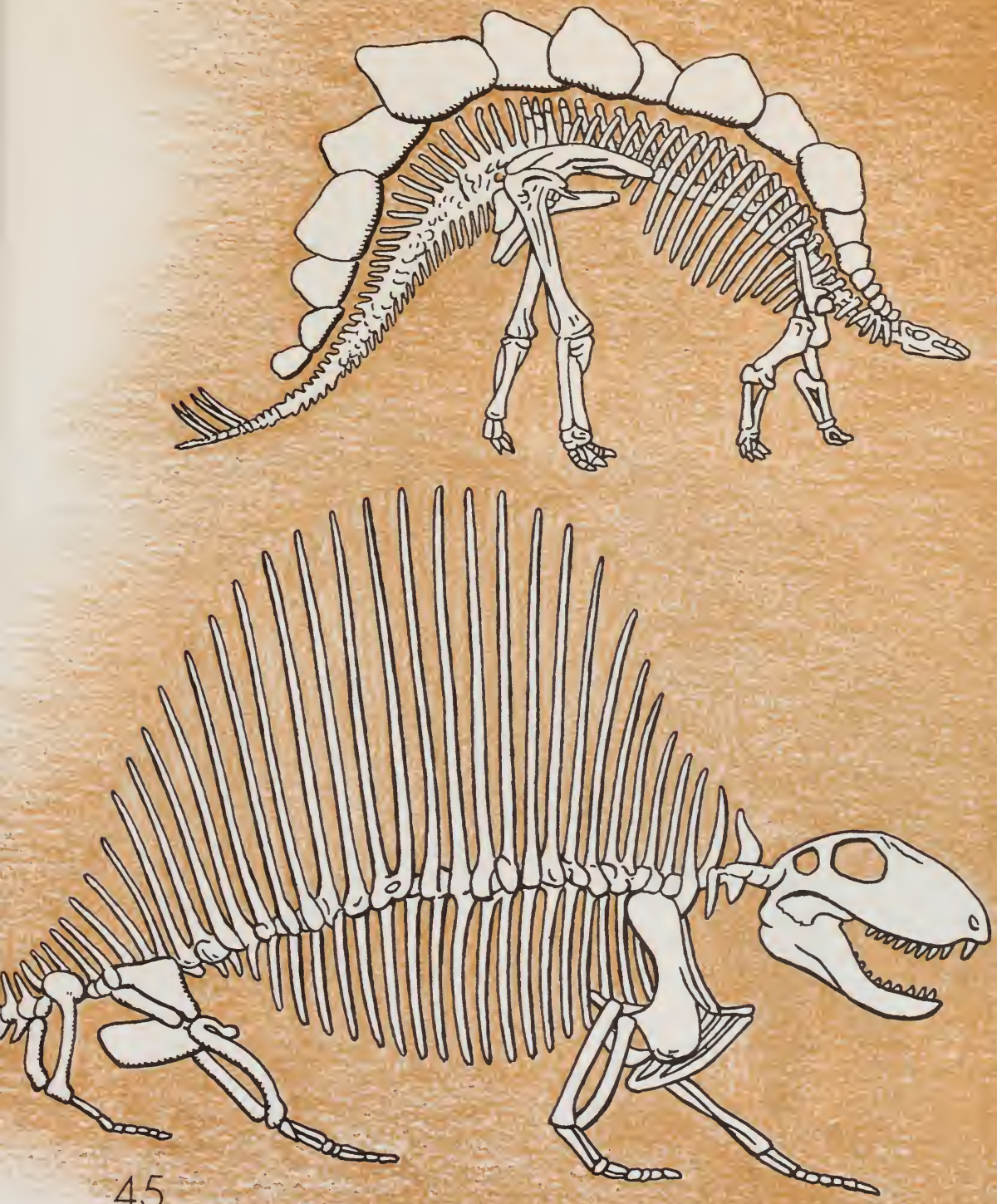
MAMMOTH
SABRE-TOOTHED TIGER

FOSSILS

If there were no people in
the world, how do we know
about these animals
of long ago?
Many animals have left a story.
The story is found in the
layers of rock of the earth.

Animals died and left their bones and footprints. These bones and footprints were changed to stone.

Many of these bones and foot-
prints have been found.
They are called FOSSILS.
People study the fossils.
A rock with a fossil in it
may be sent to a museum.
In the museum the fossils
are set up so that many
people can see them.
Fossils tell us about the size
of the dinosaurs and about
what they ate.



There is still much of the story to be found out. Dinosaurs are only a small part of a much bigger story.

Someday you will want to
read more of the story
that fossils tell.

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